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Ms. Donna R. Searcy  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Searcy:

On behalf of Capital Cities/ABC, Inc., the enclosed information is transmitted for filing with the Commission in P.P. Docket No. 93-21. This information was recently discussed during a meeting at the Commission and is in addition to our comments and reply comments filed in the proceeding.

The pertinent provisions of ABC's college football television rights agreements can be summarized as follows:

(1) CFA. ABC's contract with the College Football Association ("CFA") concerns games in which one of the 63 participating CFA members is the home team. (The CFA includes 64 schools, but each school was free to make an independent decision whether to participate in the contract. Notre Dame chose not to become a party to the ABC agreement and entered into a separate agreement with NBC instead.) The contract permits ABC to select between 25 and 35 such games for televising each year. It also provides generally that ABC may televise no more than three games of any one CFA member in a season and generally that ABC must select the games it intends to televise at least twelve days in advance.

The contract further provides that all home games of participating CFA schools that are not televised by ABC may be televised by any other telecaster (except the CBS, NBC or Fox Networks) if (a) the games begin on or before 12:10 p.m. local time; (b) the games begin on or after 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time; or (c) the telecasts (i) are confined to the ADI's in which the participating schools are located, (ii) are offered as local or regional pay-per-view telecasts, or (iii) are closed circuit telecasts to the campuses and alumni clubs of the participating schools.

(2) Pac 10/Big 10. ABC's contract with the Pac 10 and Big 10 Conferences concerns games in which one of the 20 members of the Pac 10 and Big 10 Conferences is the home team.<sup>1</sup> It requires ABC to televise at least 24 such

<sup>1</sup> The Big 10 Conference, beginning with the 1993 football season will be expanded to include Pennsylvania State University.

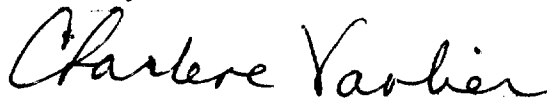
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games each season. ABC is not permitted to televise more than three home games of any one Pac 10 or Big 10 team during a season. As a general rule, ABC is required to select the games it intends to televise, and to designate the starting times for the games, at least twelve days in advance.

The contract also provides that all home games of Pac 10 or Big 10 schools that are not televised by ABC may be televised by any telecaster (other than the CBS, NBC or Fox Networks) at any time other than during an exclusive 3 1/2 hour window during which ABC is televising a Pac 10/Big 10 game. Even during this window, however, such games may be televised under the following circumstances: (a) Any telecaster, including a broadcaster in the team's home market (other than the CBS, NBC or Fox Networks), may televise any game of a Pac 10 or Big 10 school that begins (i) on or after 6:15 p.m. Eastern Time, or on or before 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time, on Saturdays on which the ABC telecast begins at 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time or (ii) on or after 3:15 p.m. Eastern Time when ABC's telecast begins at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time; (b) any home game of Pac 10 members that begins on or after 3:10 p.m. Pacific Time may be syndicated for live telecasts in multiple areas; and (c) home games of Pac 10 and Big 10 members may be televised by closed circuit television to the campuses and alumni clubs of the participating schools at any time.

If there are any questions in connection with the foregoing please contact me.

Sincerely,



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